

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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**Encouraging Words** 



# Pushpay.

A new opportunity can be used for giving your tithes and offerings. Using your mobile phone, send the keyword PILGRIM REST to 77977 to have the giving link immediately delivered to your mobile phone. It is also located on prbc.church on the menu. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



MOTHERHOOD

IS A
GIFT FROM GOD





There is so much going through my mind as I write this article for our May newsletter. It has been several weeks since I have seen the vast majority of you and I sit at my desk often wondering how each of you are doing. I, along with the rest of the pastoral staff, have tried to reach out to as many as possible via call, text, or zoom meetings. I do want you to know that each of you are being prayed for by me and the rest of the staff and we are going to get through this. I am beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and if all goes according to plan we will start meeting again the first Sunday in May on a limited basis with certain protocols in place which can be found in the newsletter and online at www.prbc.church.

I want to take a moment to encourage you in a couple of areas. First, I want to encourage you to take this time that God has given us to grow in your relationship with Him. It will be truly sad when this is all over if we did not take advantage of the quiet down time in regards to spending more time with the Lord. Also, spend time with your family when you can. One thing our family has been able to do is have multiple movie nights each week. We gather around the TV and watch a family friendly movie. Second, I want to encourage you in the area of generosity. I was on a zoom call with Johnny Hunt yesterday and he said something very profound. He said, "We need to be as faithful to God as we want Him to be faithful to us during this time." To be honest, our giving has been way down over the last month, but we are still doing ministry. Each week our church takes a lead role in feeding kids with the Backpack Buddies program and the number of kids/families we are helping to feed each week is numerous. Also, just this past Tuesday we were able to bless the ER staff at NOMC by providing them a much needed lunch. We are still planning on Youth Summer Camp, VBS, Children's Camp etc., so the work of the church is still going on. I want to encourage each of you to step out in faith during this time and be faithful in your giving. You can go online at www.prbc.church to give or you can always mail it or drop it by the office. I am convinced through your faithful generosity we as a church will get through this and not miss a beat.

Finally, I want to let you know you are loved beyond measure. God loves each of you and so do I. I am praying for you daily and look forward to seeing you all soon. Until then, stay safe, grow in the Lord, and as always I covet your prayers.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Geoff



#### **OUTREACH CHALLENGE**

Who is your one?
The one you will pray for and seek to lead to Christ.
Share your faith intentionally, so they will experience the same hope, joy, and eternal life as you.



## 2 million in 2020

Our 2020 challenge is to meet our budget and pay off our church building loan. Let's all step out in faith and see what God can do.

# CHURCH MEMBERS

Don't forget to call, text, email or reach out in some way to let people in your church family & friends know you are missing them and look forward to seeing them in the near future. Quarantine and isolation is a difficult time for some more than others. Be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Monthly Contact
Bonnie Ellis
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# STATS FOR APRIL

Stewardship through April 26th

2019-2020 Budget \$723,670.00 Weekly budget need \$13,916.73 Given YTD \$361,482.62

**Total Receipts:** 

Budget \$44,008.98 Designated \$9,791.55

**Sunday School:** 

Enrollment 456 Average Attendance N/A

**Building Fund:** 

Current Balance \$12,441.08 Annie Armstrong

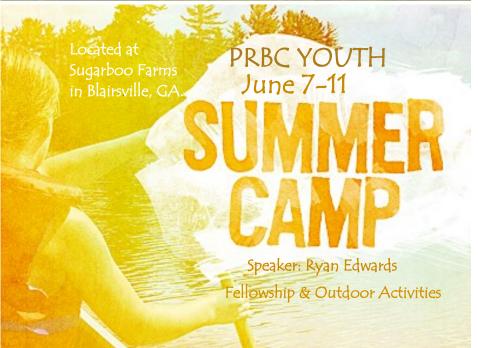


Afton Adams **Jackson Adams** Eric Arias Jayden Barton Lacey Boone Lily Caswell Nathan Fleming Eli Garrett Kristen Hutson Makayla Jones Blake Lawson Carter Mason Josie Mason **Ashten Morrison Dustin Oglesby** Shannon Polhlopeck Jonathan Roller Seth Tolbert Deomi Valmus Shaine White





Sunday Sermons are on FACEBOOK LIVE at 8:30 & 11:00am. If you don't have a facebook account, archived sermons are available on our webpage at prbc.church





Sunday, May 3rd at 6pm, we will have baptism service at Henderson Pond in Baker, Fl. It is located at TW Drive off Old River Rd.



# **Backpack Buddies**

Our Backpack Buddies are suppling needy families with food during the weekends. We need donations of food items to help meet these needs. Peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, oatmeal, rice, loaves of bread, Ramen Noodles and any canned meals are appreciated. Please place all donations in the container in front of the Fellowship Hall. It will be checked every day at 5pm.







Match box cars
Hot Wheels
Yo-yos
Jump ropes
Balls
(tennis balls, soccer ball with
pump, small nerf ball)

PLACE IN MISSION BOX IN THE WELCOME CENTER



Please stay updated on our Facebook page and website for any changes in Youth Activities. Call Tammy Lawson at 850-259-3007 with any questions regarding the Youth Ministry.



Stay updated on our website and FB page for more information.



All information regarding children's activities will be on our Facebook page and our church website.

# MAKE TO GOD

We are looking for more members for our choir and orchestra. We have begun having a choir in both morning services. If you would like to join the choir or if you play an instrument and are interested in joining the orchestra, please see Bro. Stephen for more information.

# Live a Life of Light

Our "L3" College and Career ministry focuses on those between the ages of 18 and 24. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., Sunday nights at 6 p.m. & Wednesday nights at 6 p.m.

# Sunday Services 8:30 & 11am May 3rd

**As of NOW**, beginning Sunday May 3rd we will once again meet on campus at 8:30 and 11am. The live stream will be available for those who can not attend the service. We are taking a number of precautions that we ask everyone to be aware of.

- We are asking everyone that can to take their temperature before leaving home and if running a fever stay home. We will have two noncontact thermometers for those who did not or could not take their temp prior to arrival.
- 2. Each person will receive an alcohol based hand sanitizing wipe as soon as they enter and are asked to sanitize their hands.
- 3. There will be no passing of the offering plate nor greeting time. People will be able to turn in their offerings using our wooden response box located in the foyer. Online giving will still be available.
- 4. There will be no Sunday School, Children's Church, or nursery.
- 5. We will wipe down and sanitize all door handles in between the worship services.
- 6. We will set up hand sanitizing stations throughout the building.
- 7. People who desire are permitted and encouraged to wear a mask.
- 8. Proper social distancing will be required while in the building. We ask people to spread out in our large sanctuary.

We realize some of these steps may seem difficult, but we want to be good neighbors and help promote good health while allowing the opportunity for in-person corporate worship. This will be evaluated from week to week and we will give updates along the way.

# Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

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## WEEKLY RECURRING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **SUNDAY**

8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship

## TUESDAY

10:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

## WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Super Church, M.S. & H.S. Youth Worship

6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

#### <u>Friday</u>

9:00 am Lift Women's Coffee Fellowship



# May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day	6 pm <b>11</b>	12	13	14	15	16
17 SR. Recognition Svo 4 pm Deacon Mtg	18	19	20	8 am Sr. Adult Council Mtg.	22 Newsletter DEADLine	23
	25 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 4pm Church Council						



- 1 Ralph Ellis Caitlyn Hardwick
- 2 Maiyah Arias Brenda Wilde
- 3 Ann Van Zandt
- 5 Lauren Adams Jim Castonguay Lindsay Gatewood
- 7 Stanley Bacon
- 12 Scott Cunningham
- 13 Jared Glenny Ernie Stokesberry
- 14 Neil Emiro Kristy Spears
- 15 Luke Ferrand
- 16 Kailyn Ellis Vickey MacDonald
- 17 Dennis Donaldson Anne Garrett
- 19 Aubry Stokesberry
- 21 Wendy Mainor
- 22 Austin McCart
- 23 Dillon Baggett
- 24 Jordan Gatewood
- 29 Polly Brunson Daniel Burke
- 30 Spencer Mandley David Stewart
- 31 Joey Lambert Angila Walker





# **ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Travis & Lindsay Adams Hugh & Julia Troyer
- 10 Grant & Erin Adams
- 11 Mark & CharlotteWadsworth
- 14 Jason & Shannon Boone
- 16 Ronnie & Vanessa Miller
- 18 Richard & Barbara Martin
- 19 Kendall & Aileen Helms Ernie & Gina Stokesberry
- 20 Dustin & Rachel Thames
- 24 Bob & Ruth Cooper Jared & Jennifer Glenny
- 26 Charles & Romona Arrasmith Adam & Jessica Henry Keith & Michelle White
- 28 Sam & Judy Steele
- 29 Scott & Rebecca Holovack





Morris & Maxine Adams Stanley & Cassie Bacon Betty Melvin Bob Walker Sr. / Mark Wilde Barbara Griffiths / Patsy Coco Jim & Elaine Skates Betty LeMarchand / Maleia Spears Lynn Garrett / Kendall Helms Glyn Garrett / Leona Campbell Mary Jane Stewart Patricia Treat / Sylvia Pace Jim & Velmaree Joiner Bob Adams / Lacy Adams Tina Cadenhead / Nola Rowell Angie Bradley / Cliff Troyer Ezra & Ragenia Nichols Richard & Barbara Martin Paul Garrett / Sandey Trimmer Dorothy Robinson / Marlene Melvin Richard Williams Our President, Nation & Military Unsaved / Unspoken First Responders Healthcare workers The World wide Coronavirus Concerns & the individuals impacted by this virus.

If you have an upcoming surgery scheduled during the next month, please call the church office. We would like to know about these ahead of time, so we can get the surgery on the calendar, plan a visit and be in prayer for you. Thank you!

## Pilgrim's Progress — May 2020

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	S
Sunday Morning Worship Sunday School Morning Worship  Wednesday Super Church, M.S. & H.S. Youth	8:30 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study	6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
CHURCH LEADERSHIP	1
Senior Pastor Worship Pastor Assoc. Pastor to Children & Discipleship Senior Adult Pastor Office Manager Part-time Secretary Custodian	Dr. Geoffrey Prows Rev. Stephen Ferrand Rev. Michael Barksdale Rev. David Van Zandt Connie Morgan Emily Chaitha Miley Coburn

# A Good Time to Be Thankful

In the midst of the pandemic I'm finding many reasons to be thankful. I'm thankful that our church is able to live steam Sunday services. I'm thankful for our worship pastor and praise team; for a great tech team. I'm thankful for a children's pastor who puts out Bible centered activities for our children. I'm thankful for Pastor Geoff and his great sermons and daily devotionals. I'm thankful for the work done by our office staff and those who maintain our buildings.

I'm also thankful for so many of our members who are reaching out to one another to help and encourage. I am thankful for those who continue to pay their tithes to support PRBC ministries. I'm thankful for those on committees and other places of service.

Most of all, I am thankful to God who loves us and sustains us, and, I have found that proclaiming my thanks lifts my spirit. For what are you thankful?

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NKJV) - <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Rev. David Van Zandt





Ladies, our next
Stampin' Up meeting will be
Monday, May 11th
at 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.